

Regular meeting of the City Council: Austin, Texas, Feby 22nd 1912.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor : Roll called:

Present Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart & Haynes 4

Absent excused Councilman Powell 1

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance granting unto the United States Government a perpetual franchise for the construction of a retaining wall on the north line of the proposed Post Office Building to be built in this City at the corner of west sixth and Lavacca streets.

The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart & Haynes 4

Absent excused Councilman Powell 1

The minutes of the regular meetings of the City Council of Feby 1st, 8th & 15th and all recessed meetings were read and adopted .

The Mayor laid before the Council the report of the Supt of the Water & Light Plant for the month of December 1911, which was read and ordered filed.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Whereas, Julius Seaholm ,the present owner and occupant of Lots 10 & 11 ,Block 2, Outlet 2 Division "A",of the City of Austin,Texas, desires to make substantial improvements upon said property exactly upon the lines of occupancy of the same ,which have been held for many years prior to this date;and, Whereas, the City of Austin is unable at the present time to give to said Seaholm his correct property lines on East 6th street and Medina street, against which the same face; and ,

Whereas, said Seaholm furnishes evidence in the form of two affidavits from reputable citizens ,to-wit ,one from mr C A Kuse and one from Mr D S Harper, that permanent improvements have for a long time been erected and maintained upon the exact lines of the ^{proposed} improvements by said Seaholm on said lots 10 & 11,going back, according to the affidavit of Mr C A Kuse,to as far as the year 1875;and,

Whereas, such improvements and occupancy thereon would probably vest title in the said seaholm and his vendor's by limitation; therefore,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin:

That permission be and is hereby granted said Seaholm to erect his improvements upon said lots 10& 11,Block 2, Outlet 2, Division "A"of the City of Austin upon the property lines of the present foundations of buildings on East 6th street and Medina Street in this City.

The affidavits of @ A Kuse and D S Harper of the continued, uninterrupted and adverse occupancy of the premises herein above described are attached to this resolution ,and constitute, in part, the consideration for the enactment of the same .

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Hart & Haynes 3

Absent Councilmen Bartholomew & Powell 2

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Whereas, the banking capital of the City of Austin, Texas, for the year 1911, was assessed at ~~seventy~~ ^{eighty} percentum (~~70~~ ⁸⁰) of its book value ; and,

*U S Government
to construct wall
at new P.O. building*

*It reads
Julius Seaholm*

Whereas, it appears to be just and certainly legal to assess other credits, where demanded, at the same percentage of valuation; therefore,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

Security Life Insurance Tax

That the Assessor and Collector of the City of Austin be and he is hereby authorized to correct the assessment heretofore made by him against the Security Life Insurance Company of America, of Richmond Va, but with headquarters at Chicago ILL, which company has requested a re-assessment of its securities, and value the same at ~~seventy~~ ^{eighty} percentum (~~70~~ ⁸⁰) of the nominal value of \$ 26,269. of securities deposited by said Security Life Insurance Company of America with the State Treasurer of the State of Texas as a condition precedent to its doing business in this State, and to collect of said Security Life Insurance Company of America municipal taxes upon the basis of said re-valuation of its securities on deposit with the State Treasurer of this City.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Hart & Haynes 3
Absent Councilmen Bartholomew & Powell 2

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution .:

Judgments ordered.

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That authorization and instruction is hereby given J W Maxwell, special tax collector, to file suits for taxes against the persons named below, and against the properties named below, owned or represented by said persons:

- William Owen and Wife : Part of Outlet 46 Division "O"
- Geo Fontaine et al, or owners; Lot 7 Block 5, Out lot 55 Division "D"
- Clara Parker et al , or owners: part of Outlet 23, Division "C"
- William Holden et al , or owners: Part of Lot 23, Block 5, Outlet 55 Division "D"
- Owners of Lots 1 & 2, Block 1B, Swishers addition.
- Owners of Lots 11 and E 1/2 of 12, Outlet 32 Division "D"

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Hart & Haynes 3
Absent Councilmen Bartholomew & Powell 2

The Council then recessed subject to call .

Saturday Feb'y 24th 1912.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor with all members present except Councilman Powell .

*Resignation
Chas Casey*

Councilman Bartholomew presented the resignation of Chas Casey, as Assistant Cashier of the Water and Light department to take effect on ~~Sept~~ ^{Feb'y} 20th 1912, which was accepted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart & Haynes 4
Absent Councilman Powell 1

*Burford Brown
Appointed Cash
Water & Light Dept.*

Councilman Bartholomew presented the name of Burford Brown, for appointment as ^{cash} Cashier in the Water & Light Department, vice Chas Casey resigned, which nomination was confirmed by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Hart & Haynes 3
Bot voting Councilman Bartholomew 1
Absent Councilman Powell 1

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the statement which here follows be recorded in the minutes of the City Council of this City;

Statement.

Bonds Destroyed

The undersigned Mayor and Councilmen of the City of Austin, Texas, make declaration that on the 24th day of February 1912, they, in the presence of one another, destroyed , by burning in the furnace at the City Hall in this City, the five City of Austin Refunding bonds Nos 1706, 1707, 1708, 1709 & 1710, each being for \$ 1,000.00, each being dated the 1st day of July 1901, and due the first day of July 1931. To each of these bonds was attached coupons up to the maturity of the bonds, together with the coupon due July 1st 1912.



The resolution was adopted by the following vote :
Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, & Haynes 4
Absent Councilman Powell 1

The Above statement was signed by ;

A P Wooldridge, Mayor.
E C Bartholomew, Jas P Hart and Harry L Haynes as Councilmen .

The Mayor laid before the Council. the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars of the item " For miscellaneous items , new hose otr in part layment of combination pumping engine "in the Fire Department budget for 1912, be and the same is hereby transferred to item on said budget of " First and second payments on Chemical Apparatus", and in full payment of said apparatus.

*Budget
Amended*

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :
Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart & Haynes 4
Absent Councilman Powell 1

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw a warrent in favor of the Webb Motor Fire Apparatus Company for the sum of

*Five Auto
Bill rendered
paid*

Eight hundred and fifty three (\$ 853.00) in full payment of balance due on the combination
Hose and Chemical apparatus bought by the City of Austin from said company.

This amount represents balance due in full payment of said apparatus after deducting
freight charges due M K & T Ry Co of \$ 147.00.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart & Haynes 4

Absent Councilman Powell 1

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw a warrant in
favor of the M K & T Railway Company in the sum of one hundred ,forty seven and 00/100
(\$ 147.00) dollars ,in payment of freight charges on the Combination Hose and Chemical
Apparatus bought by the City from the Webb Motor Apparatus Company ,this amount being
deducted from the \$ 1,000.00 of final payment of said machine.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart & Haynes 4

Absent Councilman Powell 1

Councilman Hart offered the following resolution :

Whereas, it appearing to the City Council that pound fees have been paid by the follow-
-ing named parties ,to-wit :

- J H Harrison for impounding one cow \$ 1.50
- Buna Burk for impounding one hog 1.500
- Dick Patten for impounding one cow 1.50
- Mrs E Jarmon for impounding two cows 3.00

And it appearing that said stock was at large through no fault of the owners, and that
said parties do not designedly allow their stock to be at large, and the Supt of Police
and Public Safety recommending that said fees be remitted; therefore,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin:

That said pound fees be and are hereby remitted ,and said sums of money being sti ll in
the hands of the Clerk of the Corporation Court, said Officer is hereby authorized and
directed to refund the same to the respective parties .

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart & Haynes 4

Nays none. Councilman Powell being absent.

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from Thos M Taylor for permission to erect
an All Steel Garage building on lot No 8 Block 98 ,within the fire limits, which was
granted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart & Haynes 4

Absent Councilman Powell 1

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Whereas, Austin was visited, on the evening of Feby 21st, 1912, by a windstorm of extra-
-ordinary violence ,which windstorm did considerable local damage in this City, and
amongst the buildings injured were the awnings upon the properties located at 511 and 513
East 5th street, belonging to P G Roach; and,

Whereas, the said P G Roach had erected the awnings in question about two years ago and
the same were in good condition at the time of said windstorm, and

*Pound fees
remitted*

*T M Taylor
Building permit*

*P G Roach
Authorized to
repair awning*

Whereas, the said Roach desires to repair and restore said awnings as they were prior to said violent windstorm on the 21st inst; therefore,
 Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin: ,
 That permission be and is hereby granted said Roach to have repaired and restored in accordance with the general provisions of the City ordinances, the awning in front of his premises at 511 and 513 East 6th street; and,
 That the said work under this resolution is to be done under and subject to the approval of the City Engineer.

*E C Bartholomew
to repair awning*

This includes also the property of E C Bartholomew on the West.
 The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Hart & Haynes 3
 Not voting Councilman Bartholomew 1
 Absent Councilman Powell 1

Feb 26th 1912 .

Councilman Hart offered the following resolution :

*Hose wagon Colorado
& West Austin hose
exchanged*

The within application of West Austin Hose Co No 7, asking permission to exchange its present Hose wagon for the Hose wagon formerly used by Colorado Hose Co No 2, coming on for consideration by the City Council and it appearing to the Council that it will be to the best interest to the Fire Dept that said change be made :

Be it therefore resolved By the City Council of the City of Austin :
 That the Hose wagon now in use by the West Austin Hose Company No 7, be turned over to the Chief of the Fire Dept ,taking his receipt therefor, to be held by him subject to the further disposition by the City Council, and that the wagon formerly used by Colorado Hose Co No 2, be turned over to the West Austin Hose Co No 7, the Foreman of said Company signing the proper receipt therefor.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart & Haynes 4
 Absent Councilman Powell 1

Councilman Hart offered the following resolution :

It appearing to the City Council that there is no present use for the wagon formerly owned by West Austin Hose Co No 7, said company having been allowed to substitute it for the wagon formerly used by Colorado Hose Co No 2, :

Be it therefore resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :
 That the Supt of Police and Public Safety and the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department ,be and they are hereby authorized to negotiate a sale of said wagon subject to the approval of the City Council :

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart & Haynes 4
 Absent Councilman Powell 1

The Council then recessed subject to call

*The wagon
Authorized to be
sold*

Tuesday Feb 27th 1912.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor with all members present except Councilman Powell .

Councilman Bartholomew offered the following resolution :

Rates of Electric Sign

Resolved that the rates for ornamental and sign electric lights on the streets of Austin paid by patrons of the City from and after readings of the month of March 1912 shall be one-half the rate charged for inside lights.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart & Haynes 4

Absent Councilman Powell 1

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

Bacon & Hancock Electric Sign

That permission be and is hereby granted Bacon & Hancock, Contractors, to construct and suspend for the present occupants at 809 Congress Avenue ,an electric sign, of the following description: (1) Length of sign 36 inches. (2) Height of sign 16 inches. (3) Weight about twenty five pounds.

Said sign is to project about 36 inches from the sidewall to which it is attached and must be suspended not less than nine feet above the sidewalk and must be firmly anchored by strong wires or chains to the building in front of which it is suspended.

The work to be done under this authorization must be done under the supervision of and subject to the approval of the City Engineer of the City of Austin.

The permit hereby granted is temporary and subject to revocation at the pleasure of the City Council.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Haynes 3

Absent Councilmen Hart & Powell 2.

The Council then adjourned.

J. W. Johnson
City Clerk.